

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental proceedings against Smt. E. Suseela, Ex-Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Divi & Selection Grade Secretary(Retired), A.M.C., Rajahmundry for certain allegations of irregularities under Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS)Markets Rules, 1969 - Article of charge - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 957

Dated:24-08-2011

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.210, Agri. & Coo.(Vig.II)Dept., Dt.24-08-2011.

ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule(2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for instituting departmental proceedings against Smt. E. Suseela, Ex-Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Divi & Selection Grade Secretary(Retired), AMC, Rajahmundry vide G.O.Ms.No.210, Agriculture & Cooperation(Vig.II)Department, Dated:24-08-2011, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Smt. E. Suseela, Ex-Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Divi & Selection Grade Secretary(Retired), A.M.C., Rajahmundry in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS)Market Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).

3. Smt. E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary(Retired) is directed to submit within 15 days of the receipt of this orders, a written statement of her defence.

4. Smt. E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary(Retired) is further informed that an inquiry will be held in respect of the article of charge as is not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Smt. E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary(Retired) is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para (3) above or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS)Markets Rules, 1969 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiry authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte and further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. The attention of Smt. E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary(Retired) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary(Retired) is aware of such representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

I.Y.R. KRISHNA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. E. Suseela, Ex-Special Grade Secretary, A.M.C., Divi &
Selection Grade Secretary(Retired), A.M.C., Rajahmundry
(Through : Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to:-

The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad.
(with a request to serve the copy and send dated acknowledgment)

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT E.SUSEELA, EX-SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC, DIVI AND SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY(RETIRED) A.M.C. RAJAHMUNDRY

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Article of Charge: “That Smt. E. Suseela, while working as Special Grade Secretary at Agricultural Market Committee, Divi was promoted as Selection Grade Secretary and posted at Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry. She was directed by the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada to handover the charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi to Sri I. Narahari, Secretary Grade-II, Agricultural Market Committee, Gudiwada. But Smt. E. Suseela has not handed over the charge and also not signed in the Fertilizers Stock Register and Minutes Books etc., during her entire tenure. Further Local Fund Authorities also pointed out in their report for the year 2008-09 that an amount of Rs.2,956/- arrived as shortage of stock caused loss to the Market Committee funds. This clearly shows her gross negligence in performing her official duties. Thereby she violated Rule 3 of the A.P.C.S.(Conduct)Rules, 1964”.

Basis of the Charge:-

The Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi has submitted report against Smt. E.Suseela, the then Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry stating that Smt. E.Suseela, Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi was promoted as Selection Grade Secretary and posted at Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry. She was directed by the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada to handover her charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi to Sri I. Narahari, Secretary Grade-II, Agricultural Market Committee, Gudiwada vide Procds. Dt.01-09-2008. Further, She has informed to the Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi that after handing over the charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary to the reliever, she will be relieved on 04-09-2008 at 1.00 P.M. But on 04-09-2008, She has taken relieving order and not come back and given charge of the post. Sri I. Naraghari, Secretary Grade-II has come on 04-09-2008 at 1.30 P.M. for taking the Charge, but Smt. E. Suseela has already left from the office by that time. Sri I. Narahari has assumed the charge in the presence of Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi.

The Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi further stated that, Smt. E. Suseela, the then Special Gr. Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi has to give the complete charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary to Sri I. Narahari and handover the Registers and Records and also to sign in the Registers.

The Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi has requested the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad to issue orders to Smt. Suseela, the then Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi and Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry to come to Agricultural Market Committee, Divi and give the charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary and to sign in the Minutes Book, Fertilizers Stock Registers and other Registers.

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing vide Memo No.Estt. AMC(14)1350/2007, dt.27-11-2008 directed Smt. E.Suseela to handover the charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi to Sri I. Narahari, Secretary Grade-II, Agricultural Market Committee, Gudiwada and to report compliance in the matter.

The Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi vide Letter Rc.No.120/08, dt.30-12-2008 has informed that, even though after issue of instructions from Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing vide Memo dt.27-11-2008, Smt. E. Suseela, the then Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry not yet given the charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi to Sri I. Narahari, Secretary Grade –II who was kept as Full Additional Charge to that post and also not signed in the Minutes Book, Fertilizers Stock Registers and other Registers and requested the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada to take necessary action in the matter.

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The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing vide Memo No.Estt. AMC(1)1350/2007, dt.09-01-2009 requested the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada to take immediate action in handing over charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi by Smt. E.Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry to Sri I. Narahari who was kept Full Additional Charge of the post of Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Divi and to send compliance.

The Commissioner & Director of Agril. Marketing vide Memo No. AMC(1)1350/2007, dt.28-03-2011 directed the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada to submit a detailed report whether there are any irregularities done by Smt. E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry during her tenure at Agricultural Market Committee, Divi.

The Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada submitted his detailed report dt.16-04-2011 as requested by the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad vide Memo dt.28-03-2011 against Smt E. Suseela, Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Rajahmundry on the irregularities done during her working period at Agricultural Market Committee, Divi(Hqrs), Avanigadda.

The Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada has stated that, vide G.O.Rt.No.215, A&C(AM.III)Dept., dt.30-08-2008, Smt. E. Suseela, Special Grade Secretary, AMC Divi was promoted as Selection Grade Secretary and posted at AMC, Rajahmundry. The Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada has made alternative arrangements to the post of Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Divi by placing Sri I. Narahari, the then Secretary Grade-II, AMC, Gudiwada on F.A.C. of the post of Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Divi and directed Smt. E. Suseela to handover the complete charge of the post of the Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Divi to Sri I. Narahari the then Secretary Grade-II, AMC, Gudiwada, so as to enable her to join in her new promotion post of Selection Grade Secretary at AMC, Rajahmundry. Further the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada made the following observations:-

- Smt. E. Suseela has worked at AMC, Divi for the period from 30-04-2007 to 04-09-2008 as Special Grade Secretary;
- Smt. E.Suseela the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Divi has not signed in the Minutes Book at Page No.205 for the Committee Meeting held by the AMC, Divi on 22-08-2008, which is violation of Rule 30 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules 1969;
- As per the statement of Secretary (FAC), AMC, Divi Dated:18-07-2009, the Fertilizers worth of Rs.3,20,623-18 was remained as balance Fertilizers Stock as on 01-04-2008 as she has purchased Fertilizers worth of Rs.24.00 lakhs during the year 2008-09 upto 03-04-2008;
- The Local Fund authorities in their L.F.Audit Report for the year 2008-09 vide objection Para No.16, have pointed out that an amount of Rs.2,956/- arrived as shortage of stock and loss to the Market Committee Funds. They have also pointed out no signatures were found in the Stock Register;
- In the licence granting register for the year 2008-13, Smt. E. Suseela has not signed at Page Nos.77,79,83,91 & 93;
- In the C.L. register for the year 2007-08, She has not signed in the registers till the date of her relief from AMC, Divi;
- She has not signed in the log book during her entire tenure, but simply withdrawn the amounts towards engaging hire vehicle. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to maintain the log books as per the circular instructions of the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad. She has not maintained the log book.

I.Y.R. KRISHNA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE
FRAMED AGAINST SMT. E. SUSEELA, EX-SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC,
DIVI & SELECTION GRADE SECRETARY(RETIRED), AMC, RAJAHMUNDRY ARE
PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED**

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- 1) Letter No.120/2008, Dated:18-11-2008 of the Chairman, AMC, Divi.
- 2) Letter No.JDM/SA/181/2009, Dated:16-04-2011 of J.D.M., Vijayawada.

**I.Y.R. KRISHNA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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ANNEXURE-III

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST
SMT. E. SUSEELA, EX-SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC, DIVI & SELECTION
GRADE SECRETARY(RETIRED), AMC, RAJAHMUNDRY ARE PROPOSED
TO BE SUSTAINED**

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**I.Y.R. KRISHNA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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